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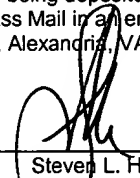
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Re: Serial Number 09/888,233 entitled "ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED
NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS" by
Randy D. Blakely et al.
Our ref: VBLT:007US

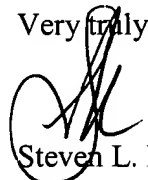
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In re Application of:
Randy D. Blakely et al.

Serial No.: 09/888,233

Filed: June 22, 2001

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NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND
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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Peter Paras, Jr.

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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to your Notice Regarding Drawings dated September 3, 2004, applicants filed two sets of color drawings as previously submitted to your Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1)(i)(ii) on August 25, 2004. (Copies Attached) Per discussions with Patricia Small at (703) 305-8390, Ms. Small stated that the drawings were received and put with file and forwarded to contractors as of August 27, 2004.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/VBLT:007US/SLH.

It is submitted that the above now places the present application in complete compliance with the requirements stated on Form PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review.

Respectfully submitted,



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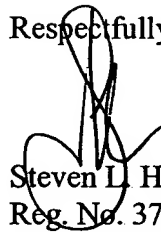
Ms. Small:

Pursuant to your request, we enclose two sets of color drawings as previously submitted to this Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1)(i)(ii).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/VBLT:007US/SLH.

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